(b) Agreed minutes signed at the end of the talks contains measures to strengthen collaboration in areas such as political, defence, economic, culture, science and technology.

Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group meeting

2635. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group Meeting was held in last May in London; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken therein, especially to combat cross-border terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) A meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group was held in London from 19-20 May, 2003. Cross-border terrorism was not on the agenda of the meeting.

Government's role in Sri Lankan peace process

2636. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a senior Sri Lankan Tamil Leader has appealed to India to exert pressure on the International Community for democratizing the on-going peace process in the Island by including other Tamil groups instead of talking only to the LTTE, indirectly requesting India to get involved in the peace process; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the policy of our Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA) : (a) and (b) Various Sri Lankan Tamil Leaders have expressed their views and concerns on the peace process in Sri Lanka to India. Government of India's policy consists of a three-fold commitment to the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka, and to the restoration of a lasting peace, through a peaceful, negotiated settlement that meets the just aspirations of all elements of Sri Lankan society.